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In re Application of

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For: **USER INTERFACE APPARATUS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 9 and 13 as follows:

1. (Amended) Apparatus comprising an electronic user interface device and a storage device, the electronic user interface device being operative to convey information to a user, the user interface device comprising a network connection and the information being derived from a resource which is accessible through the network connection, the storage device being portable and removably interfaceable with said user interface device and the arrangement being such that in use whilst the storage device is interfaced with the user interface device the storage device stores a reference to the resource so that the user can access that resource at a subsequent time.

9. (Amended) Portable storage device which stores a reference to a resource, the storage device being interfaceable with an electronic user interface device, the storage device comprising memory containing a reference to a resource which is accessible through a network connection provided by the user interface device and the storage device comprising a processor operating an authentication routine, and the arrangement being such that in use a user can access the resource via the user interface provided the authentication routine has been successfully completed.

13. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1, in which the user interface devise is an electronic book.

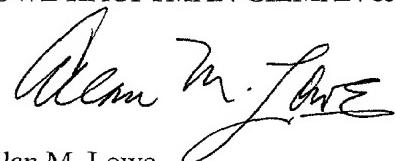
REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to correct grammatical and typographical errors.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Marked-up version showing changes".

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES**MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES****CLAIMS**

1. Apparatus comprising an electronic user interface device and a storage device, the electronic user interface device being operative to convey information to a user, the user interface device comprising a network connection and the information being derived from a resource which is accessible through the network connection, the storage device being portable and removably interfaceable with said user interface device and the arrangement being such that in use whilst the storage device is interfaced with the user interface device the storage device stores a reference to the resource so that the user ~~may~~ access that resource at a subsequent time.

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2. Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 in which the storage device stores a reference to part of the resource so that the user may return to that part of the resource at a subsequent time.

3. Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 in which the storage device stores a reference which allows the user to continue access to the resource from that part of the resource which he last accessed at a previous time.

4. Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 in which the user interface device is configured to accept data input, transmit the input via the network connection to a data storage provider and store a reference on the storage means which enables the stored data input to be located.

5. Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 in which the storage device stores a reference to an Internet resource.

6. Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 which is configured such that when the storage device is interfaced with the electronic user interface device the resource to which a stored reference on the storage means corresponds is automatically accessed.

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7. Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 in which the storage device stores data relating to a parameter of the format of the information conveyed to the user.

8. Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 in which the storage device comprises a processor operating an authentication routine which is required to be successfully completed before access to a resource is granted.

9. Portable storage device which stores a reference to a resource, the storage device being interfaceable with an electronic user interface device, the storage device comprising memory containing a reference to a resource which is accessible through a network connection provided by the user interface device and the storage device comprising a processor operating an authentication routine, and the arrangement being such that in use a user ~~may~~ access the resource via the user interface provided the authentication routine has been successfully completed.

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10. A portable storage device as claimed in claim 9 in which the authentication routine comprises provision of a digital certificate.

11. A portable storage device as claimed in claim 9 in which the memory contains a reference for an Internet resource.

12. Apparatus as claimed in claim 1, in which the user interface device is a portable computer.

Apparatus

13. ~~Appeals~~ as claimed in claim 1, in which the user interface devise is an electronic book.